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SUBJECT: WORKING VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE TO EUROPE AND
JAPAN--AGENDA

1. FIRST NORTH AMERICAN DIVDIR WATANABE BRIEFED EMBOFF JANUARY 20
ON RECOMMENDATIONS FONOFF WILL MAKE FOR AGENDA OF MONDALE-FUKUDA
TALKS, AS FOLLOWS:

A. US-JAPAN RELATIONS. FONOFF RECOMMENDS PRIMIN EMPHASIZE IMPORT-
ANCE OF JAPAN-US RELATIONS, STRESS NEED FOR TRILATERAL COOPERA-
TION BETWEEN US, JAPAN AND EUROPE, AND IN LATTER CONNECTION,
RAISE SUBJECT OF HIS CONTEMPLATED VISIT TO US.

B. PROBLEMS OF WORLD ECONOMY.

1. FONOFF RECOMMENDS PRIMIN DISCUSS ADJUSTMENT OF ECONOMIC
POLICIES AMONG ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES TO ACHIEVE
REFLATION OF WORLD ECONOMY. HE SHOULD ASK VICE PRESIDENT'S
IMPRESSION OF DIFFERENT GOVERNMENTS' ATTITUDES TOWARDS TOPIC
GAINED AS RESULT OF VISIT TO EUROPEAN CAPITALS. HE WILL ALSO
BE ASKED TO RAISE:

2. MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF WORLD
FREE TRADE.

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3. UPCOMING ECONOMIC SUMMIT -- TIMING, TOPICS AND LOCATION.

C. ASIAN SITUATION. FONOFF RECOMMENDS PRIMIN RAISE TOPIC,
EMPHASIZING IMPORTANCE OF US PRESENCE IN ASIA AND NEED FOR CON-
TINUOUS CONSULTATIONS ON POLICY IN AREA BETWEEN LEADERS OF
GOVERNMENTS OF US AND JAPAN. HE SHOULD ASK FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S
VIEWS ON SITUATION IN KOREAN PENINSULA, CHINA POLICY, AND

AMERICAN ATTITUDES TOWARD SOUTHEAST ASIA, ASEAN, AND INDOCHINA.

D. BILATERAL PROBLEMS. FONOFF SUGGESTS PRIMIN TOUCH ON FISHERIES QUESTION, AND BE PREPARED FOR VICE PRESIDENT TO RAISE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS ISSUE.

E. MULTILATERAL TOPICS. IF THERE IS TIME, PRIMIN ASKED

1. TO STATE GOJ DESIRE FOR QUICKEST POSSIBLE LAW OF THE SEA CONVENTION, AND

2. TO REGISTER GOJ CONCERN IN PEACEFUL USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY.

2. WATANABE ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY TRUTH IN JANUARY 10 JAPANESE PRESS REPORT ATTRIBUTED TO SECSTATE-DESIGNATE VANCE THAT MR. MONDALE WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS ENERGY DURING HIS VISIT TO JAPAN. IF TRUE, FONOFF WOULD LIKE TO KNOW DETAILS. WATANABE ASSUMED THAT NORTH-SOUTH TOPIC WOULD BE RAISED, BUT WAS NOT SURE. FONOFF WOULD NOT RECOMMEND THAT PRIMIN RAISE ISSUE.

3. MAIN TOPICS ON FONOFF AGENDA SAME AS THOSE MENTIONED BY PRIMIN'S PRIVATE SECRETARY HISASHI OWADA DURING INFORMAL BACKGROUND CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF JANUARY 20. OWADA SAID PRIMIN FUKUDA HAD TOLD UNDERSECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS-DESIGNATE COOPER AT RECEPTION FOR TRILATERAL COMMISSION JANUARY 10 THAT HE WAS PRIMARILY INTERESTED TALKING TO MR. MONDALE ABOUT AMERICAN VIEWS ON ASIAN ECONOMY AND POLICY TOWARD ASIA. PRIMIN PARTICULARLY INTERESTED ECONOMY. FUKUDA NOW PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN LEARNING AMERICAN REACTION TOWARD PROPOSALS MADE CONFIDENTIAL

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BY CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT ON THIS ISSUE, PLUS AMERICA'S OWN VIEWS ON SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS.

4. PRIMIN, OWADA CONTINUED, INTERESTED IN GETTING A FEEL FOR CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S POLICY TOWARDS ASIA AS WHOLE. HE LIKELY TO SEEK OUR VIEWS ON BALANCE OF POWER IN NORTHEAST ASIA, RELATIONS WITH ROK AND DPRK, TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM KOREAN PENINSULA, POLICY TOWARD CHINA, INCLUDING PEKING AND TAIPEI AND AMERICAN APPROACH TO SOUTHEAST ASIA. HE EXPECTED TO DISCUSS KOREAN TROOP WITHDRAWAL BUT TO KEEP ISSUE IN PERSPECTIVE AS PART OF BROAD ASIAN POLICY CONTEXT.

5. OWADA CONCLUDED THAT PRIMIN REGARDED MONDALE VISIT BOTH AS SYMBOL OF IMPORTANCE THAT US ATTACHED TO RELATIONSHIP WITH JAPAN AND AS IDEAL OPPORTUNITY TO SET STAGE AND TONE FOR DETAILED CONSULTATIONS ON MAJOR ISSUES THAT SHOULD FOLLOW BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. PRIMIN NOT EXPECTED TO GO INTO ANY SUBJECT IN GREAT DETAIL, NOR ENGAGE IN NEGOTIATION.
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